

## SCOPE

While the invention has been described with respect to what are presently considered to be the most practical and preferred embodiments, it is to be understood by one skilled in the art that the invention is not limited to the disclosed embodiment, but on the contrary, is intended to cover various equivalent arrangements and modifications which are included within the spirit and scope of the disclosure. As an example of equivalent arrangements, one skilled in the art will recognize that the system described herein can be implemented using symmetric or asymmetric encryption, and readily in total or for each part in diverse software languages, in diverse hardware, ASICS, FPGAs and embedded with each of its various parts in any portable, hand held computing system, such as a smart-card, PDA, laptop computer, or other portable, hand held device incorporating a computer, such as a cellular telephone, fax, pager or the like, devices which may be capable of being communicatively coupled with the Internet. Part of the embodiment may include the Internet or networks such as dial-up or other types of networks for any or all of its various functions.

One skilled in the art also will recognize as an equivalent arrangement the application of the methods disclosed herein to any voting system, voting organization, or voting game wherein participants need to be anonymous and/or must exchange secrets and/or make collective decisions.

Therefore, it is to be understood that all such equivalent arrangements and modifications of the system and methods disclosed herein are included within the scope of the following claims.